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Representative William Thomas
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0522

Dear Representative Thomas:

For your information, I have attached a letter recently sent by Sunkist Growers to Ambassador Rob Portman.

The Sunkist Growers marketing cooperative and our 6,000 citrus grower-owners in California and Arizona have critical issues at stake in a successful conclusion to the Doha Round trade negotiations. These issues include: the reduction of punitively high tariffs confronting our U.S.-origin citrus exports to key markets; the elimination of heavy government subsidization of competing foreign producers; the maintenance of sensitive product status for lemon juice in the U.S. market.

We are concerned that resolution of these issues vital to our growers' economic survival will be jeopardized if the U.S. trade agenda suffers a setback at this critical time. We believe enactment of CAFTA-DR by Congress is essential to continued progress in the Doha Round. Sunkist Growers urges you to support CAFTA-DR when it is considered on the floor.

Sincerely,



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